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Case No. 10908/8

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)
DuPlessis)
Serial No.: 10/756,906) Group Art Unit: 1742
Filed: January 14, 2004) Examiner: Andrews
For: RECOVERY OF BIOLEACHING)
MICROBES)

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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In response to the Office Action dated December 9, 2004, for which Applicants respectfully request a two-month extension of time, please reconsider the claims in light of the following amendments and remarks.